**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM**

**PRESENT :**

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI**

**WEDNESDAY, THE 10TH OCTOBER 2007 / 18TH ASWINA 1929**

**WP(C).No. 15522 of 2007(W)**
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**PETITIONER:**
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**T.JAYADHARAN, DRAFTSMAN GRADE - I,**
**SEWERAGE DIVISION, KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,**
**PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

**BY ADV. DR.K.P.SATHEESAN,**
**SRI.K.K.GOPINATHAN NAIR,**
**SRI.M.R.JAYAPRASAD.**

**RESPONDENTS:**
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1. **KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,**
   **REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR,**
   **JALA BHAVAN, VELLAYAMBALAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

2. **THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,**
   **KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,**
   **JALA BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

**BY ADV. SRI.C.UNNIKRISHNAN, SC, KWA.**

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 10/10/2007,THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:**

**V. GIRI ,J.**

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Dated this the 10th day of October, 2007

**JUDGMENT**

The petitioner is working as a Draftsman Grade-I in the Kerala Water Authority. The final seniority list of Draftsman Grade-I as on 1/11/2000 was published and the petitioner was included as Rank No.804. The Special Rules for Engineering Subordinate Services in Water Authority provides a ratio 7:3 between the promotees and direct recruits in the matter of appointment to the cadre of Draftsman Grade-I. According to the petitioner, the cadre strength in relation to the direct recruits have been exceeded and this is one of the reasons why the petitioner's promotion was delayed. The claim made by him, in this regard, as per Ext.P4 is pending before the second respondent.

2. Having heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to look into the claim made by the petitioner for re-assignment of the date of promotion as

5.9.1994 and take a decision thereon with specific reference to the cadre strength and the question as to whether the same was exceeded in relation to direct recruits for the period from 1994-2001. Decision shall be taken, after hearing the petitioner and any other affected persons, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

**V. GIRI, JUDGE**

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